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Applicant: Thomas Koehler

Serial No: 09/786,072 Art Unit: 1645

Filing Date: March 14, 2002

Title: REACTION CHAMBERS COATED WITH DEFINED  
CONCENTRATIONS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS, METHOD FOR  
THE PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF

Examiner: Strzelecka, Teresa E

April 17, 2002

Attorney's Docket No.: WEH204A3

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing is:

<X> Amendment dated March 25, 2002

<X> Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 for \$55.00 *decline*

( ) Enclosed is a check to cover the fee in the amount of \$---.

(X) The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to any Office Action outstanding in the above captioned matter as necessary to avoid abandonment of the application. Please charge my deposit account No.11-0224 in the amount required to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above account.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 35 U.S.C. 1.16, and 1.17, after a mailing of a Notice of Allowance under 35 USC 1.18 or any additional fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Acct. No.11-0224. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. If and only if account funds should be insufficient, immediately contact our associate, Lisa Zumwalt, at (703)415-0579, who will pay immediately to avoid deprivation of rights.

( ) Please charge my Deposit Account No.11-0224 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A signature or signatures required for the above recited document(s) is (are) provided herebelow. Such signature(s) also provide(s) ratification for any required signature appearing to be defective in the above recited document(s).

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2001 and setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months to expire on March 20, 2002.

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2001 for 1 month from March 20, 2002 to April 20, 2002.

Fees in the amount of \$55.00 are to be charged to a credit card. Credit card <sup>decline</sup> information and authorization form (PTO-2038) is enclosed.

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Applicant petitions that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224.

Applicant further respectfully requests that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter.

Please amend the application as follows: